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AND FARES STUDY - MARCH 13

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1. DISCUSSION WAS ENTIRELY ON AT-WP/1177 THE PIRSON/BELGIUM PROPOSAL. BECAME IMMEDIATELY EVIDENT THAT PIRSON HAD STRONG SUPPORT IN GENERAL FOR HIS REVISION PARA 13 (PROPOSING THAT ICAO UNDERTAKE THE STUDY). SOME DISCUSSION ENDEAVORED TO WATER-DOWN THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION, OTHERS ENDEAVORED STRENGTHEN IT. DIALLO/SENEGAL ENDEAVORED MEET CONCERN OF US/ARGENTINA/France AND OTHERS THAT STUDIES COULD NOT BE OF VALUE UNLESS "WELL DONE". THIS LED TO PROLONGED DISCUSSION BASED ON STEAK COOKED "DONE, WELL DONE, ETC." AND DIALLO'S POSITION THAT "A STEAK CAN BE EATEN ALTHO BARELY COOKED". KALANZI/UGANDA CONGRATULATED USREP EXTENSIVELY FOR REASONS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR SINCE US HAD NOT YET PARTICIPATED SIGNIFICANTLY. OUTCOME WAS MODIFICATION SECOND SENTENCE PARA 13 ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

"PROPERLY EXECUTED STUDIES OF THIS TYPE, CONCERNED WITH, ETC, WILL, THE COUNCIL BELIEVES, BE OF REAL VALUE, ETC."

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2. US INTERVENTIONS STRESSED "BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS, NEED FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF/EXPERTISE, AND REQUESTED SECRETARIAT COMMENT ON APPLICABILITY ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION A7-14 (A7-WP/6,(B)). USREP DID NOT OBJECT TO COMMITTEE ADOPTION MODIFIED PARA 13, BUT EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS AND INDICATED US PROPOSAL WOULD BE FORTHCOMING LATER REGARDING ADDITIONAL STAFF/EXPERTISE FOR CONDUCTING STUDY THOROUGHLY.

3. COMMITTEE BEGAN CONSIDERATION PARA 14 BUT DISCUSSION BADLY HANDLED AND COMMITTEE UNDERTOOK MODIFYING LAST SUB-PARA (B-3) IGNORING FIRST SIX. THIS CAME ABOUT PRIMARILY AS RESULT OF IATA INFORMAL PAPER CIRCULATED COMMITTEE MEMBERS MARCH 12 SUGGESTING THAT LAST SENTENCE PARA READ AS FOLLOWS:

"SUCH STUDIES SHOULD BE OF A FACTUAL CHARACTER AND COULD DEAL WITH THE IMPACT ON FARES AND RATES OF SUCH KEY COST FACTORS IN INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT AS FUEL, WAGES AND SALARIES, ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS, CHARGES FOR AIRPORT AND EN-ROUTE FACILITIES, ETC." MOST COMMITTEE MEMBERS RELUCTANT ABANDON PRESENT WORDING SUB-PARA 3 ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE STUDY OF "MACHINERY" TAKEN FROM A18-17. IN EFFORT SAVE SUBSTANCE OF IATA PARA, AND APPEASE THOSE INSISTING ON STUDY OF THE MACHINERY (ESPECIALLY DIALLO) USREP PROPOSED FOLLOWING REVISION LAST SENTENCE SUB-PARA 3, "SUCH OTHER STUDIES SHOULD BE OF A FACTUAL CHARACTER AND COULD DEAL WITH THE MACHINERY FOR ESTABLISHING INTERNATIONAL FARES AND RATES AND THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH FARES AND RATES ARE BASED, INCLUDING THE IMPACT ON (AND CONTINUE WITH IATA LANGUAGE). THIS SUGGESTION WAS ACCEPTABLE TO PIRSON AND OTHER MEMBERS BUT DUE LATE HOUR, SEVERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CHAIRMAN PREFERRED ADJOURNMENT AND CIRCULATION NEW LANGUAGE IN WRITING.

4. COMMITTEE RESUMES CONSIDERATION MORNING MARCH 15. PER DILLON/SCIBILIA AND DILLON/MILLER TELECONS, US WILL PROPOSE ADDITION OF STAFF AND BUDGET IN ORDER PROVIDE ADEQUATE RESOURCES FOR USEFUL STUDY. THIS CAN BE DONE IN ATC ONLY AS GENERAL STIPULATION. DETAILS MUST BE SUBMITTED FINANCE COMMITTEE WHICH NOW DELIBERATING 75/77 BUDGET. USREP WOULD APPRECIATE SPECIFIC STAFFING/BUDGETING LANGUAGE.
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